

Matthew 5:38-48

International Bible Lesson Applications

1. It may be better to ignore personal insults rather than retaliate and worsen a situation. We can silently pray for the other person to stop or be stopped by God and for the opportunity to share the gospel with them.
2. Jesus does not expect us to disregard prayerful commonsense, but look for gracious, just, and merciful ways to help those who attack or offend us, or those who come to borrow or beg, without encouraging bad behavior.
3. By doing more than is required of us, we can sometimes explain to others that we do so as followers of Jesus Christ, who did more than was required of Him when He died on the cross to save us from our sins.
4. To love our enemies we can pray for them and do what we wisely can to help them become friends of Jesus and our friends too.
5. Because God is our Father, perfect, holy and loving, God does not expect anything less from us—God created us in His image to become His children.

Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes

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